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1. North Vietnam

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Almost all the North Vietnamese politburo have been out of sight recently, but a Western correspondent in Hanoi has reported that Giap and Dong were on a trip to Moscow.

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2. South Vietnam

The Viet Cong, who clearly missed the boat in last spring's Buddhist insurrection, apparently are laying plans to increase their influence in non-Communist groups opposed to the government. A recent Viet Cong broadcast outlined a program for proselyting among religious, student, and labor groups which show any potential for fomenting trouble.

3. Vietnam

The Japanese plan to approach the North Vietnamese in Moscow and urge a positive response to the Asian peace initiative proposed recently by Thailand's foreign minister. The Japanese doubt the meeting will be a warm one but are willing to try.

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4. Indonesia

Foreign Minister Malik has directly and publicly contradicted Sukarno. In a press statement yesterday Malik said Indonesia would be back in the UN in time for the September General Assembly session. Sukarno had said two days earlier that Indonesia would not rejoin the UN now. Sukarno's position, Malik told a reporter, is not Indonesian policy.

Army-inspired anti-Sukarno demonstrations continue in Djakarta.

5. Burma

A dragnet is out for one of Ne Win's political enemies who got into this country early this month. The man is considered potentially dangerous although Ne Win himself seemed reasonably relaxed when told of the affair yesterday.

6. NATO

Belgium stands firm on its take-it-or-leave-it offer of a relocation site for Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE). Yesterday the Belgians suggested that, if everyone got going, it might be possible to have minimum facilities ready by next April. General Lemnitzer still feels the site is too far from Brussels--some 30 miles--but sees little alternative in view of the political complexities involved.

7. Nigeria

There are some signs of incipient anti-American sentiment in Northern Nigeria.

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